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Dear Dr. Holmes:

Since your recent field trip checking the sheep situation down here Wallace Thorley reported considerable death loss in his range herd. I believe I mentioned to you that he had said early in the winter that he was getting some losses from sheep dying from Blind Staggers and Paralysis, a number of them died after they had gotten down and didn't seem to have any control over their front legs and they were unable to eat or drink.

He reports a number of animals having scabs or sores around their nose and mouth and fairly high up on the face. He asked if we could get him a Gieger Counter to check the brush and some of the dead animals out there. Of course we had none available and he is going to try to get one from a local prospector.

He reported that one animal definitely died of big-head where the head was greatly enlarged and that some had had a slight touch of big-head and had recovered.

Maybe you have reports of similar losses in other herds that you visited on your field trip. I would be interested in hearing what you did find on your trip out to Nevada.

Sincerely



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County Agri. Agent

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Mr. Bennett
Wallace Thorley

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